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GEORGII VI REGIS.

Act No. 38, 1950.

An Act to make certain provisions for and relating to the variation of terms of existing awards and industrial agreements affecting rates of pay; to provide for the application to future awards and industrial agreements of the basic wage for adult males and for adult females determined under and in accordance with decisions of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration as the basis of assessment of rates of wages; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 23rd November, 1950.]

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title and citation.

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950."
- (2) The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1950.

Amendment of Act No. 2, 1940.

2. The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

New Division 2. Part V.

(a) by inserting next after section sixty-one the following new Division:-

Division 2.—Provisions applicable after the Commonwealth Judgment, 1950.

Definitions.

- 61a. (1) In this Division, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates requires-
 - "Basic wage for adult males" means the basic wage for adult males approved and adopted in the Commonwealth Judgment.
 - "Basic wage for adult females" means the basic wage for adult females approved and adopted in the Commonwealth Judgment.
 - "Commonwealth Judgment" means the judgment delivered by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation Arbitration on the twelfth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, in the matter intituled "In the matter of applications by organisations of employees for alteration of the basic wage prescribed by awards and orders made or continued in force in

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pursuance of the provisions of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1949" and includes any orders, judgments, determinations or announcements explaining, supplementing or amplifying such judgment, made in the said matter by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration after the said date. and also includes any orders, judgments, determinations or announcements made in or in relation to the application of the principles thereof to the determination of any dispute.

- "Retail Price Index Numbers" means the Court's series of Retail Price Index Numbers published from time to time by or by the direction of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation Arbitration.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a copy of the Retail Price Index Numbers and purporting either to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be under the signature of the Industrial Registrar of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or of some person acting in his place or on his behalf, shall be accepted by all persons and upon all occasions as a true copy of the Retail Price Index Numbers unless proof is adduced that such document is not a true copy as aforesaid.
- 61B. (1) This section shall apply to and in Existing respect of all awards and industrial agreements awards and to which Division 1 of this Part applies and agreements. which were in force immediately before the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

- (2) The commission shall, upon application made as prescribed, or may, of its own motion, make such orders, awards or determinations varying the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay of male employees to the extent to which it thinks fit to give effect to the alteration in the basic wage for adult males made by the Commonwealth Judgment.
- (3) The commission, after giving consideration to the Commonwealth Judgment, shall, upon application made as prescribed, or may, of its own motion, review the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay of female employees, and make such orders, awards or determinations varying such terms as it in the circumstances deems reasonable and proper.

No such order, award or determination shall vary such terms so as to fix rates of pay for adult female employees lower than the basic wage for adult females.

- (4) Any order, award or determination pursuant to the provisions of this section shall take effect—
 - (a) as from the commencement of the first pay period in the month of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty; or
 - (b) where the commission otherwise determines, as from such date, not being earlier than the commencement of the first pay period in the month of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, as may be specified in such order, award or determination.
- (5) The commission may from time to time declare general rulings relating to any matters arising out of the operation of this section

section and such general rulings shall have and take effect to the extent stated by the commission as orders, awards or determinations of the commission.

- 61c. (1) The commission shall, upon appli-Uniformity cation made as prescribed, and may, of its own of basis of motion, make such orders or determinations as basis of it thinks fit to ensure that—
 - (a) the basic wage for adult males and the awards in periods of adjustment thereof which same industry. have been applied or are applicable to cf. sec. 55, any award for employees made under ante. this Act are in accordance with the basic wage for adult males and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied in an award made under the Commonwealth Conciliation Arbitration Act. 1904-1949 employees in New South Wales in that industry;
 - (b) the basic wage for adult females and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied or are applicable to any award for employees made under this Act are in accordance with the basic wage for adult females and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied in an award made under the Commonwealth Conciliation Arbitration Act 1904-1949 for employees in New South Wales in that industry.
- (2) Any such order or determination may be made in respect of any award made under this Act either before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act. 1950.
- 61D. (1) Subject to section 61c of this Act Power to the commission may, upon application made alter basis as prescribed, order that the basic wage for of awards. adult males or the basic wage for adult females, ante.

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as the case may be, which shall apply to any award shall be the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females, as the case may be, assessed on the index number for such place within New South Wales or such combination of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one) contained in the Retail Price Index Numbers as may be specified in the order.

(2) The commission may, in and by any order made under this section, provide that, in respect of different parts of the area for which the award is made, the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females shall be assessed on the index number for different places within New South Wales or for different combinations of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one).

Where the commission exercises the power conferred by this subsection it may, in and by the order, define the boundaries of the different parts of the area.

- (3) Subject to section 61c of this Act the commission may, upon application made as prescribed, vary any award by inserting therein—
 - (a) a provision specifying the period of adjustment of the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females applied or applicable to that award; or
 - (b) a provision excluding the application of section 61r of this Act to or in respect of that award.
- (4) The commission may exercise the powers conferred by this section in respect of any award made either before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

61E. (1) All awards made and industrial Future agreements entered into after the commencement industrial of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) agreements. Amendment Act, 1950, shall, in so far as they cf. sec. 57, fix rates of wages by reference or in relation to a basic wage for adult males or a basic wage for adult females be made by reference or in relation to the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females, as the case may be, assessed on the index number for such place within New South Wales or combination of places (of which Sydney or someother town in New South Wales is one) contained in the Retail Price Index Numbers as may be specified in the award or industrial agreement.

(2) No award made or industrial agreement entered into after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950, shall be made or entered into, in the case of adult male employees, for a wage lower than such basic wage for adult males as may be applicable having regard to the industry concerned or the area for which the award is made or the industrial agreement is entered into or, in the case of adult female employees for a wage lower than such basic wage: for adult females as may be applicable having regard to the industry concerned or the area for which the award is made or the industrial agreement is entered into.

This subsection shall not apply to an award made or industrial agreement entered into for wages of apprentices or trainee apprentices.

61r. (1) Unless some other period of adjust- Automatic ment is specifically provided in the award or adjustment industrial agreement concerned, the basic wage and for adult males and the basic wage for adult industrial agreements. females shall be adjusted for each quarter in ef. sec. 58,

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accordance with the fluctuations (if any) of the index numbers shown in the Retail Price Index Numbers for the then next preceding quarter.

- (2) The terms of each award made or industrial agreement entered into whether before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950, affecting rates of pay shall be deemed so to be varied to accord with the fluctuations (if any) in the index number upon which the basic wage for adult males and the basic wage for adult females applicable to that award or industrial agreement is assessed—
 - (a) in any case where a period of adjustment is specifically provided in the award or industrial agreement—as from the commencement of the first pay period in each such period of adjustment; or
 - (b) in any other case—as from the commencement of the first pay period in the months of February, May, August and November in each year:

Provided that in the case of an industrial agreement where provision is made in the industrial agreement as to the manner in which effect shall be given to any such fluctuations in the index number upon which the basic wage for adult males and the basic wage for adult females is assessed, the terms of the industrial agreement affecting rates of pay shall, in lieu of the variation referred to in the preceding provisions of this subsection, be deemed to be varied to the extent necessary to give effect to that provision.

(3) The registrar may (subject to appeal to the commission), upon application made as prescribed or of his own motion, vary the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay to the extent necessary to give effect to subsection two of this section.

The registrar may refer any such application or any matter arising out of any such application or arising under this subsection to the commission for directions.

(4) This section shall not apply to or in respect of any award or industrial agreement which contains a provision expressly excluding the application of this section.

61g. The commission, or any member thereof Conferento whom the commission has delegated that ces with Judges function, may confer with the Chief Judge or of the any of the Judges of the Commonwealth Court wealth of Conciliation and Arbitration with a view to Court of securing co-ordination between any orders, Conciliaawards, decisions or determinations made or Arbitragiven or to be made or given by the commission, and any orders or awards made or to be made ante. by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration with respect to the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females to be applied in any particular case or class of cases.

cf. sec. 60.

61H. (1) Where the Commonwealth Court of Action to Conciliation and Arbitration alters the prin-betaken ciples upon which the basic wage for adult males altered. or the basic wage for adult females is computed cf. sec 61, or alters the periods as at which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be adjusted the commission shall, as soon as practicable after such alteration, issue a certificate specifying—

- (a) the principles upon which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is, from and after the date specified in the certificate to be computed:
- (b) the periods as at which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be adjusted;

- (c) the date (whether before, at or after the date upon which the certificate is issued) as from which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be computed on those principles, or as from which the altered periods of adjustment are to take effect.
- (2) The commission shall cause a copy of such certificate to be published in the Gazette.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the publication of the certificate in the Gazette, the registrar shall (subject to appeal to the commission) vary the terms of each award and industrial agreement then in force relating to rates of wages to the extent necessary to give effect to any change in such rates occasioned by the alteration of the principles upon which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be computed, and may make such alterations in the form of any such award or industrial agreement as he may think necessary to enable full effect to be given to the matters referred to in the certificate.

The registrar may refer any matter arising under this subsection to the commission for directions.

Part V.— Heading. (Consequential.) (b) by inserting next after the heading to Part V the following subheading:—

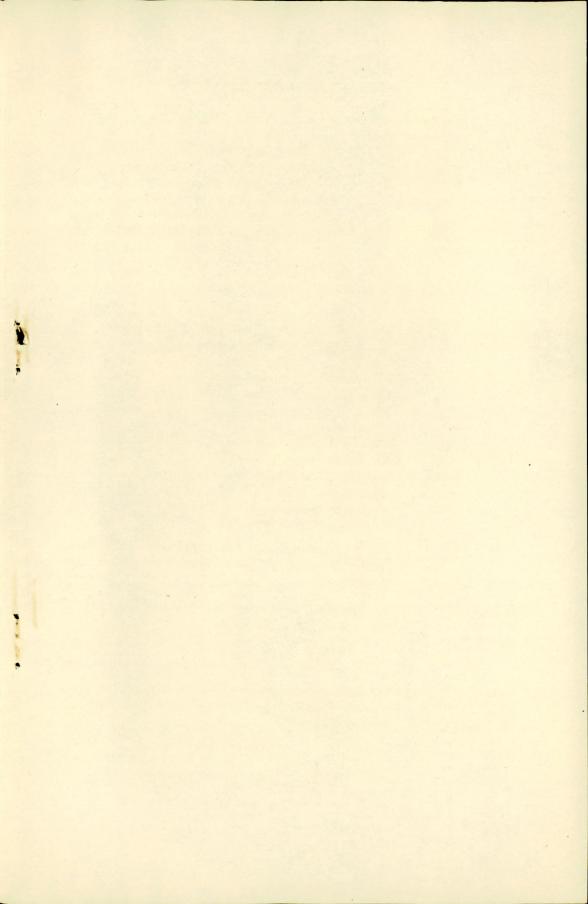
Division 1.—Provisions applicable before the Commonwealth Judgment, 1950.

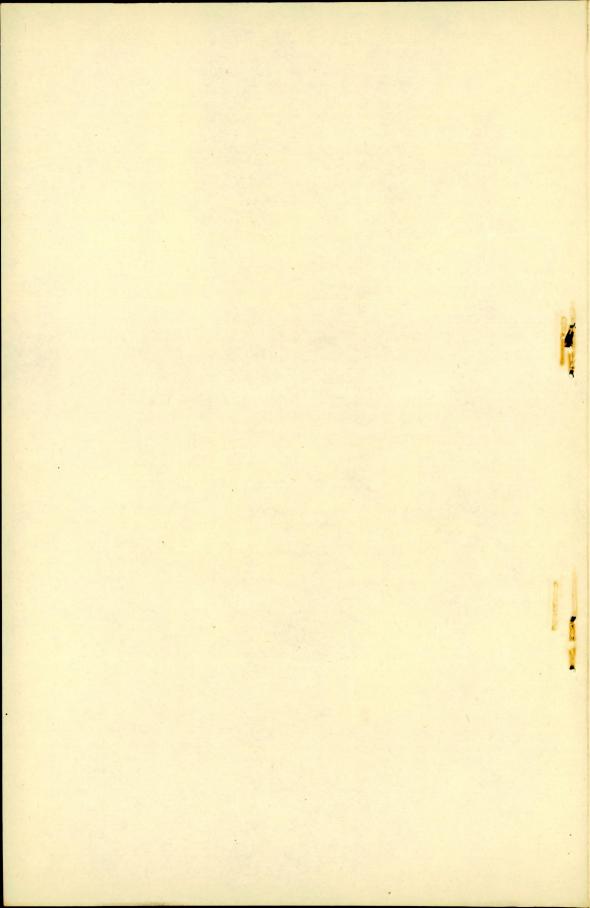
New subheading— Division 3. (Consequential.) (c) by inserting next after section 61H as inserted by paragraph (a) of this section the following subheading:—

Division 3.—General.

By Authority:

A. H. Pettifer, Government Printer, Sydney, 1950.





I certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

H. ROBBINS, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 16 November, 1950, A.M.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUARTO DECIMO

GEORGII VI REGIS.

Act No. 38, 1950.

An Act to make certain provisions for and relating to the variation of terms of existing awards and industrial agreements affecting rates of pay; to provide for the application to future awards and industrial agreements of the basic wage for adult males and for adult females determined under and accordance with decisions Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration as the basis of assessment of rates of wages; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented] to, 23rd November, 1950.

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I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

G. BOOTH,

Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and citation.

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950."
- (2) The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1950.

Amendment of Act No. 2, 1940.

2. The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

New Division 2, Part V. (a) by inserting next after section sixty-one the following new Division:—

Division 2.—Provisions applicable after the Commonwealth Judgment, 1950.

Definitions.

- 61a. (1) In this Division, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires—
 - "Basic wage for adult males" means the basic wage for adult males approved and adopted in the Commonwealth Judgment.
 - "Basic wage for adult females" means the basic wage for adult females approved and adopted in the Commonwealth Judgment.
 - "Commonwealth Judgment" means the judgment delivered by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on the twelfth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, in the matter intituled "In the matter of applications by organisations of employees for alteration of the basic wage prescribed by awards and orders made or continued in force in pursuance

pursuance of the provisions of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1949" and includes any orders, judgments, determinations or announcements explaining, supplementing or amplifying such judgment. made in the said matter by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration after the said date. and also includes any orders, judgments, determinations or announcements made in or in relation to the application of the principles thereof to the determination of any dispute.

- "Retail Price Index Numbers" means the Court's series of Retail Price Index Numbers published from time to time by or by the direction of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a copy of the Retail Price Index Numbers and purporting either to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be under the signature of the Industrial Registrar of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or of some person acting in his place or on his behalf, shall be accepted by all persons and upon all occasions as a true copy of the Retail Price Index Numbers unless proof is adduced that such document is not a true copy as aforesaid.
- 61B. (1) This section shall apply to and in Existing respect of all awards and industrial agreements awards and to which Division 1 of this Part applies and agreements. which were in force immediately before the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

- (2) The commission shall, upon application made as prescribed, or may, of its own motion, make such orders, awards or determinations varying the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay of male employees to the extent to which it thinks fit to give effect to the alteration in the basic wage for adult males made by the Commonwealth Judgment.
- (3) The commission, after giving consideration to the Commonwealth Judgment, shall, upon application made as prescribed, or may, of its own motion, review the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay of female employees, and make such orders, awards or determinations varying such terms as it in the circumstances deems reasonable and proper.

No such order, award or determination shall vary such terms so as to fix rates of pay for adult female employees lower than the basic wage for adult females.

- (4) Any order, award or determination pursuant to the provisions of this section shall take effect—
 - (a) as from the commencement of the first pay period in the month of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty;
 - (b) where the commission otherwise determines, as from such date, not being earlier than the commencement of the first pay period in the month of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, as may be specified in such order, award or determination.
- (5) The commission may from time to time declare general rulings relating to any matters arising out of the operation of this section

section and such general rulings shall have and take effect to the extent stated by the commission as orders, awards or determinations of the commission.

- 61c. (1) The commission shall, upon appli- Uniformity cation made as prescribed, and may, of its own of basis of motion, make such orders or determinations as basis of it thinks fit to ensure that—
 - (a) the basic wage for adult males and the awards in periods of adjustment thereof which same industry. have been applied or are applicable to cf. sec. 55, any award for employees made under ante. this Act are in accordance with the basic wage for adult males and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied in an award made under the Commonwealth Conciliation Arbitration Act, 1904-1949 for employees in New South Wales in that industry;
 - (b) the basic wage for adult females and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied or are applicable to any award for employees made under this Act are in accordance with the basic wage for adult females and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied in an award made under the Commonwealth Conciliation Arbitration Act 1904-1949 for employees in New South Wales in that industry.
- (2) Any such order or determination may be made in respect of any award made under this Act either before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.
- 61D. (1) Subject to section 61c of this Act Power to the commission may, upon application made alter basis as prescribed, order that the basic wage for of awards. adult males or the basic wage for adult females, ante.

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as the case may be, which shall apply to any award shall be the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females, as the case may be, assessed on the index number for such place within New South Wales or such combination of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one) contained in the Retail Price Index Numbers as may be specified in the order.

(2) The commission may, in and by any order made under this section, provide that, in respect of different parts of the area for which the award is made, the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females shall be assessed on the index number for different places within New South Wales or for different combinations of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one).

Where the commission exercises the power conferred by this subsection it may, in and by the order, define the boundaries of the different parts of the area.

- (3) Subject to section 61c of this Act the commission may, upon application made as prescribed, vary any award by inserting therein—
 - (a) a provision specifying the period of adjustment of the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females applied or applicable to that award; or
 - (b) a provision excluding the application of section 61r of this Act to or in respect of that award.
- (4) The commission may exercise the powers conferred by this section in respect of any award made either before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

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61E. (1) All awards made and industrial Future agreements entered into after the commencement awards and industrial awards and of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) agreements. Amendment Act, 1950, shall, in so far as they cf. sec. 57, fix rates of wages by reference or in relation ante. to a basic wage for adult males or a basic wage for adult females be made by reference or in relation to the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females, as the case may be, assessed on the index number for such place within New South Wales or such combination of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one) contained in the Retail Price Index Numbers as may be specified in the award or industrial agreement.

(2) No award made or industrial agreement entered into after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950, shall be made or entered into, in the case of adult male employees, for a wage lower than such basic wage for adult males as may be applicable having regard to the industry concerned or the area for which the award is made or the industrial agreement is entered into or, in the case of adult female employees for a wage lower than such basic wage for adult females as may be applicable having regard to the industry concerned or the area for which the award is made or the industrial agreement is entered into.

This subsection shall not apply to an award made or industrial agreement entered into for wages of apprentices or trainee apprentices.

61F. (1) Unless some other period of adjust- Automatic ment is specifically provided in the award or adjustment of awards industrial agreement concerned, the basic wage and for adult males and the basic wage for adult industrial agreements. females shall be adjusted for each quarter in ef. sec. 58,

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accordance with the fluctuations (if any) of the index numbers shown in the Retail Price Index Numbers for the then next preceding quarter.

- (2) The terms of each award made or industrial agreement entered into whether before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950, affecting rates of pay shall be deemed so to be varied to accord with the fluctuations (if any) in the index number upon which the basic wage for adult males and the basic wage for adult females applicable to that award or industrial agreement is assessed—
 - (a) in any case where a period of adjustment is specifically provided in the award or industrial agreement—as from the commencement of the first pay period in each such period of adjustment; or
 - (b) in any other case—as from the commencement of the first pay period in the months of February, May, August and November in each year:

Provided that in the case of an industrial agreement where provision is made in the industrial agreement as to the manner in which effect shall be given to any such fluctuations in the index number upon which the basic wage for adult males and the basic wage for adult females is assessed, the terms of the industrial agreement affecting rates of pay shall, in lieu of the variation referred to in the preceding provisions of this subsection, be deemed to be varied to the extent necessary to give effect to that provision.

(3) The registrar may (subject to appeal to the commission), upon application made as prescribed or of his own motion, vary the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay to the extent necessary to give effect to subsection two of this section.

The registrar may refer any such application or any matter arising out of any such application or arising under this subsection to the commission for directions.

(4) This section shall not apply to or in respect of any award or industrial agreement which contains a provision expressly excluding the application of this section.

61g. The commission, or any member thereof Conferento whom the commission has delegated that ces with Judges function, may confer with the Chief Judge or of the any of the Judges of the Commonwealth Court Commonwealth of Conciliation and Arbitration with a view to Court of securing co-ordination between any orders, conciliaawards, decisions or determinations made or Arbitragiven or to be made or given by the commission, tion. and any orders or awards made or to be made ante. by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration with respect to the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females to be applied in any particular case or class of cases.

61H. (1) Where the Commonwealth Court of Action to Conciliation and Arbitration alters the prin-betaken ciples upon which the basic wage for adult males altered. or the basic wage for adult females is computed cf. sec 61, or alters the periods as at which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be adjusted the commission shall, as soon as practicable after such alteration, issue a certificate specifying—

- (a) the principles upon which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is, from and after the date specified in the certificate to be computed;
- (b) the periods as at which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be adjusted;

- (c) the date (whether before, at or after the date upon which the certificate is issued) as from which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be computed on those principles, or as from which the altered periods of adjustment are to take effect.
- (2) The commission shall cause a copy of such certificate to be published in the Gazette.
- (3) As soon as practicable after the publication of the certificate in the Gazette, the registrar shall (subject to appeal to the commission) vary the terms of each award and industrial agreement then in force relating to rates of wages to the extent necessary to give effect to any change in such rates occasioned by the alteration of the principles upon which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be computed, and may make such alterations in the form of any such award or industrial agreement as he may think necessary to enable full effect to be given to the matters referred to in the certificate.

The registrar may refer any matter arising under this subsection to the commission for directions.

Part V.— Heading. (Consequential.) (b) by inserting next after the heading to Part V the following subheading:—

Division 1.—Provisions applicable before the Commonwealth Judgment, 1950.

New subheading— Division 3. (Consequential.) (c) by inserting next after section 61н as inserted by paragraph (a) of this section the following subheading:—

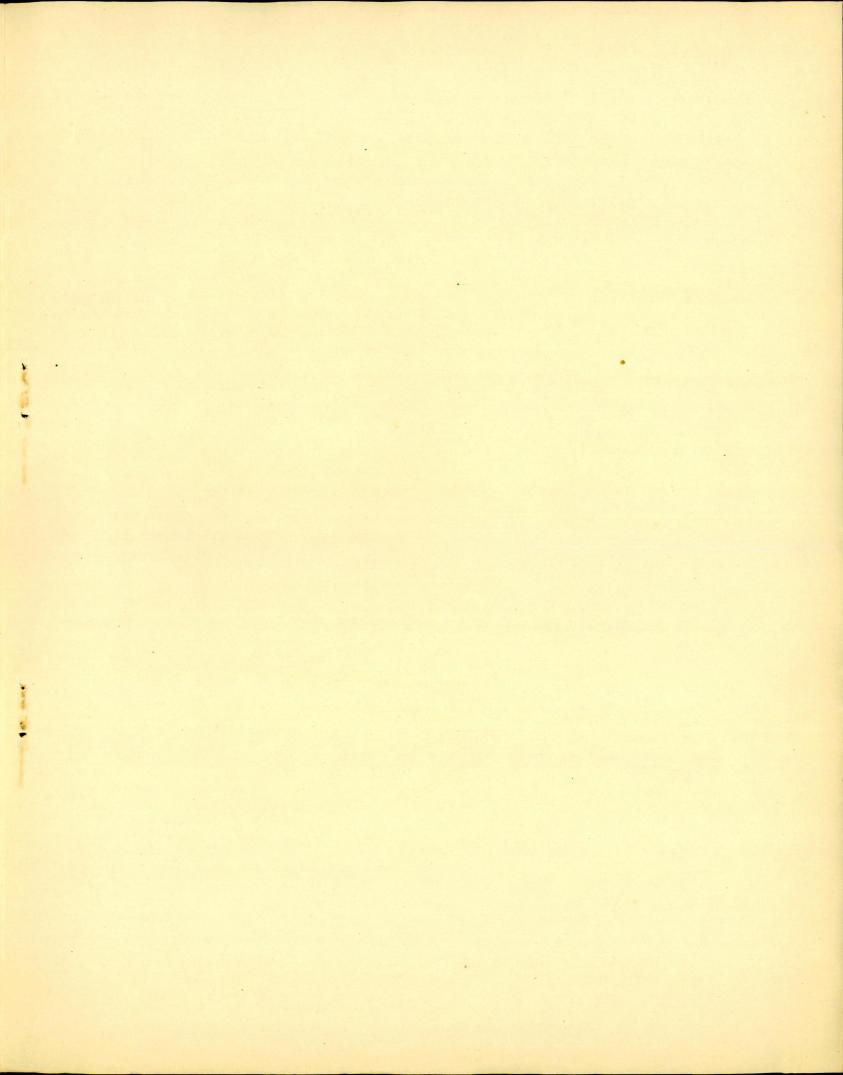
Division 3.—General.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 23rd November, 1950.



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H. ROBBINS, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 15 November, 1950.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUARTO DECIMO

GEORGII VI REGIS.

Act No. , 1950.

An Act to make certain provisions for and relating to the variation of terms of existing awards and industrial agreements affecting rates of pay; to provide for the application to future awards and industrial agreements of the basic wage for adult males and for adult females determined under and in accordance with decisions of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration as the basis of assessment of rates of wages; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

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BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Industrial short title Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950." and citation.

(2) The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited 10 as the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1950.

2. The Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended Amendment by subsequent Acts, is amended—

of Act No.
2, 1940.

(a) by inserting next after section sixty-one the New following new Division:—

Division 2, Part V.

Division 2.—Provisions applicable after the Commonwealth Judgment, 1950.

61A. (1) In this Division, unless the context Definitions. or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires—

"Basic wage for adult males" means the basic wage for adult males approved and adopted in the Commonwealth Judgment.

"Basic wage for adult females" means the basic wage for adult females approved and adopted in the Commonwealth Judgment.

"Commonwealth Judgment" means the judgment delivered by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on the twelfth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, in the matter intituled "In the matter of applications by organisations of employees for alteration of the basic wage prescribed by awards and orders made or continued in force in pursuance

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pursuance of the provisions of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1949" and includes any orders, judgments, determinations or announcements explaining, supplementing or amplifying such judgment, made in the said matter by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration after the said date, and also includes any orders, judgments, determinations or announcements made in or in relation to the application of the principles thereof to the determination of any dispute.

"Retail Price Index Numbers" means the Court's series of Retail Price Index Numbers published from time to time by or by the direction of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

(2) Any document purporting to be a copy of the Retail Price Index Numbers and purporting either to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be under the signature of the Industrial Registrar of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, or of some person acting in his place or on his behalf, shall be accepted by all persons and upon all occasions as a true copy of the Retail Price Index Numbers unless proof is adduced that such document is not a true copy as aforesaid.

61B. (1) This section shall apply to and in Existing respect of all awards and industrial agreements awards and to which Division 1 of this Part applies and agreements. which were in force immediately before the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

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fit to give effect to the alteration in the basic
wage for adult males made by the Common-
wealth Judgment.

(3) The commission, after giving consideration to the Commonwealth Judgment, shall, upon application made as prescribed, or may, of its own motion, review the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay of female employees, and make such orders, awards or determinations varying such terms as it in the circumstances deems reasonable and proper.

No such order, award or determination shall vary such terms so as to fix rates of pay for adult female employees lower than the basic wage for adult females.

- (4) Any order, award or determination pursuant to the provisions of this section shall take effect—
 - (a) as from the commencement of the first pay period in the month of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty; or
 - (b) where the commission otherwise determines, as from such date, not being earlier than the commencement of the first pay period in the month of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, as may be specified in such order, award or determination.
- (5) The commission may from time to time declare general rulings relating to any matters arising out of the operation of this section

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section and such general rulings shall have and take effect to the extent stated by the commission as orders, awards or determinations of the commission.

61c. (1) The commission shall, upon appli-Uniformity cation made as prescribed, and may, of its own of basis of motion, make such orders or determinations as basis of it thinks fit to ensure that—

(a) the basic wage for adult males and the awards in periods of adjustment thereof which same industry. have been applied or are applicable to cf. sec. 55, any award for employees made under ante. this Act are in accordance with the basic wage for adult males and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied in an award made under the Conciliation Commonwealth and Arbitration Act, 1904-1949 employees in New South Wales in that industry;

(b) the basic wage for adult females and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied or are applicable to any award for employees made under this Act are in accordance with the basic wage for adult females and the periods of adjustment thereof which have been applied in an award made under the Commonwealth Conciliation Arbitration Act 1904-1949 for employees in New South Wales in that industry.

(2) Any such order or determination may be made in respect of any award made under this Act either before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

61D. (1) Subject to section 61c of this Act Power to the commission may, upon application made alter basis as prescribed, order that the basic wage for of awards. adult males or the basic wage for adult females, ante.

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as the case may be, which shall apply to any award shall be the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females, as the case may be, assessed on the index number for such place within New South Wales or such combination of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one) contained in the Retail Price Index Numbers as may be specified in the order.

(2) The commission may, in and by any order made under this section, provide that, in respect of different parts of the area for which the award is made, the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females shall be assessed on the index number for different places within New South Wales or for different combinations of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one).

Where the commission exercises the power conferred by this subsection it may, in and by the order, define the boundaries of the different parts of the area.

- (3) Subject to section 61c of this Act the commission may, upon application made as prescribed, vary any award by inserting therein—
 - (a) a provision specifying the period of adjustment of the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females applied or applicable to that award; or
 - (b) a provision excluding the application of section 61r of this Act to or in respect of that award.

(4) The commission may exercise the powers conferred by this section in respect of any award made either before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950.

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61E. (1) All awards made and industrial Future agreements entered into after the commencement awards and industrial of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) agreements. Amendment Act, 1950, shall, in so far as they cf. sec. 57, fix rates of wages by reference or in relation ante. to a basic wage for adult males or a basic wage for adult females be made by reference or in relation to the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females, as the case may be, assessed on the index number for such place within New South Wales or such combination of places (of which Sydney or some other town in New South Wales is one) contained in the Retail Price Index Numbers as may be specified in the award or industrial agreement.

(2) No award made or industrial agreement entered into after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950, shall be made or entered into, in the case of adult male employees, for a wage lower than such basic wage for adult males as may be applicable having regard to the industry concerned or the area for which the award is made or the industrial agreement is entered into or, in the case of adult female employees for a wage lower than such basic wage for adult females as may be applicable having regard to the industry concerned or the area for which the award is made or the industrial agreement is entered into.

This subsection shall not apply to an award made or industrial agreement entered into for wages of apprentices or trainee apprentices.

61r. (1) Unless some other period of adjust- Automatic ment is specifically provided in the award or adjustment of awards industrial agreement concerned, the basic wage and for adult males and the basic wage for adult industrial females shall be adjusted for each quarter in ef. sec. 58,

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accordance with the fluctuations (if any) of the index numbers shown in the Retail Price Index Numbers for the then next preceding quarter.

- (2) The terms of each award made or industrial agreement entered into whether before or after the commencement of the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage) Amendment Act, 1950, affecting rates of pay shall be deemed so to be varied to accord with the fluctuations (if any) in the index number upon which the basic wage for adult males and the basic wage for adult females applicable to that award or industrial agreement is assessed—
 - (a) in any case where a period of adjustment is specifically provided in the award or industrial agreement—as from the commencement of the first pay period in each such period of adjustment; or
 - (b) in any other case—as from the commencement of the first pay period in the months of February, May, August and November in each year:

Provided that in the case of an industrial agreement where provision is made in the industrial agreement as to the manner in which effect shall be given to any such fluctuations in the index number upon which the basic wage for adult males and the basic wage for adult females is assessed, the terms of the industrial agreement affecting rates of pay shall, in lieu of the variation referred to in the preceding provisions of this subsection, be deemed to be varied to the extent necessary to give effect to that provision.

(3) The registrar may (subject to appeal to the commission), upon application made as prescribed or of his own motion, vary the terms of any award or industrial agreement affecting rates of pay to the extent necessary to give effect to subsection two of this section.

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The registrar may refer any such application or any matter arising out of any such application or arising under this subsection to the commission for directions.

(4) This section shall not apply to or in respect of any award or industrial agreement which contains a provision expressly excluding the application of this section.

61g. The commission, or any member thereof Conferento whom the commission has delegated that Judges function, may confer with the Chief Judge or of the any of the Judges of the Commonwealth Court Commonwealth of Conciliation and Arbitration with a view to Court of securing co-ordination between any orders, concina awards, decisions or determinations made or Arbitragiven or to be made or given by the commission, tion. and any orders or awards made or to be made ante. by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration with respect to the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females to be applied in any particular case or class of cases.

61H. (1) Where the Commonwealth Court of Action to Conciliation and Arbitration alters the prin- be taken if basis ciples upon which the basic wage for adult males altered. or the basic wage for adult females is computed cf. sec 61, or alters the periods as at which the basic wage ante. for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be adjusted the commission shall, as soon as practicable after such alteration, issue a certificate specifying—

- (a) the principles upon which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is, from and after the date specified in the certificate to be computed;
- (b) the periods as at which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be adjusted;

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- (c) the date (whether before, at or after the date upon which the certificate is issued) as from which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be computed on those principles, or as from which the altered periods of adjustment are to take effect.
- (2) The commission shall cause a copy of such certificate to be published in the Gazette.
- 10 (3) As soon as practicable after the publication of the certificate in the Gazette, the registrar shall (subject to appeal to the commission) vary the terms of each award and industrial agreement then in force relating to 15 rates of wages to the extent necessary to give effect to any change in such rates occasioned by the alteration of the principles upon which the basic wage for adult males or the basic wage for adult females is to be computed, and may 20 make such alterations in the form of any such award or industrial agreement as he may think necessary to enable full effect to be given to the matters referred to in the certificate.

The registrar may refer any matter arising under this subsection to the commission for directions.

(b) by inserting next after the heading to Part V Part V.the following subheading:-

Heading. (Consequen-

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(c) by inserting next after section 61H as inserted New subby paragraph (a) of this section the following heading—Division 3. subheading:-

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Division 3.—General.

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